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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Retraction of Licensee Event Report (LER) 2015-006-00, Void Discovered in Low Pressure Safety Injection System Piping
Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3)
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38

Reference: 1. W3F1-2015-0069, Licensee Event Report (LER) 2015-006-00, Void Discovered in Low Pressure Safety Injection System Piping, August 18, 2015 [Adams Accession Number ML15230A440]

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with NUREG-1022, Revision 3, Sections 2.8 and 5.1.2, Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy) is retracting (formally withdrawing) LER 2015-006-00 (Reference 1).

LER 2015-006-00 was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) via letter W3F1-2015-0069 dated August 18, 2015. The LER reported, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B), a condition prohibited by technical specifications (TS). Subsequent to submittal of LER 2015-006-00, Entergy has re-evaluated the condition and determined that it no longer constitutes a reportable condition pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73 and NUREG-1022 guidance.

On June 20, 2015, Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3) identified a void that exceeded the maximum volume allowed for OPERABILITY per station procedures while performing high point venting of Low Pressure Safety Injection (LSPI) system 'B'. This resulted in the inoperability of LPSI system 'B' for 11 days, exceeding the outage time allowed by Technical Specification 3.5.2 action a. LER 2015-006-00 provided details associated with this condition.

In May 2016, Entergy performed a review of the June 20, 2015 event, and the calculation that was performed to support operability of the LPSI system with piping voids. This review identified that there is conservative methodology in the analysis, resulting in a void size that is more conservative than that acceptable for operability. This conservative value was applied to the void discovered on June 20, 2015, resulting in the inoperable determination.

It has been determined that LPSI system 'B' could have performed its safety function with the void that was discovered, and the system should have been considered operable. Therefore, there was no condition that would have resulted in the inoperability of LPSI system 'B' and this event is not reportable pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).

This letter contains no new commitments.

Please contact John P. Jarrell, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (504) 739-6685 if you have questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

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